

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Delbert C. "Bud" Day was born on May 30, 1928, to Delbert and Bernice Griffith Day at Deadwood, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Bud grew up on his family's homestead south of Dupree, South Dakota, beginning his lifelong commitment to hard work at a young age, working for area ranchers, shearing sheep, and breaking horses; and,

Whereas, Bud began his rodeo career in 1946, competing in saddle bronc, bareback, calf roping, bull dogging, bull riding, breakaway roping, and the wild horse ride; and,

Whereas, Bud joined the U.S. Army in 1951, and heroically served his country and the state of South Dakota in the Korean War, suffering substantial and severe injuries as a result of a hand grenade attack for which he was awarded the Purple Heart; and,

Whereas, Bud Day married Iris Carmichael on December 15, 1953, his sweetheart of 53 years, giving life and love to 7 children, and they were further blessed with 21 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren;

Whereas, Bud was a lifetime participant of rodeo, competing in SDRA, IRA, and NRCA rodeos, earning well over 40 saddles and 200 buckles before he stopped counting, and as a result of his accomplishments, was an honoree in the Casey Tibbs Foundation in 1991, and inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 1992; and,

Whereas, Bud was instrumental in the formation of Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, and a lifelong support of 4-H and youth rodeos, encouraging not only his own children and grandchildren, but many of the state's youth to continue the great rodeo tradition; and,

Whereas, Bud, having passed away on October 20, 2007, will be honored by the South Dakota Rodeo Association at its Awards Banquet on November 17, 2007, for his service to this country, state, and the great sport of Rodeo:

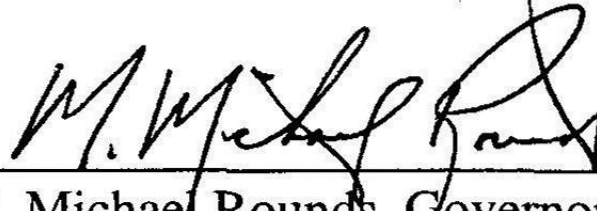
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2007, as a day of remembrance for

BUD DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State